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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-Sub 36)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-403) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
OMAHA DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS  
SUBMISSION OF INTELLIGENCE DATA

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau, 1/20/69, enclosing a letterhead memorandum captioned as above and Omaha airtel to Bureau, 1/30/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies and Denver, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Louis, and San Francisco, two copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "Black Panther Party, Omaha Division."

Omaha airtel of 1/30/69, furnished the details of BOLDEN's arrest on 1/27/69, and pointed out that a briefcase in BOLDEN's possession at the time of his apprehension contained pertinent documents which were being reviewed. Pertinent information contained in these documents will be submitted in a separate letterhead memorandum as soon as this review is completed.

Copies of enclosed letterhead memorandum are being disseminated locally to Secret Service, 115th MIG, and to USA's at Des Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
- 2 - Denver (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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The first source mentioned in enclosure is [redacted]  
[redacted] with whom insufficient contact has been  
had to determine her reliability. The second source is  
[redacted]

As a result of the information contained in enclosure, separate 157- cases have been opened in the Omaha Office on GARY HOUSE, DELORES BROWN, and LUTHER PAYNE. Individual cases have previously been opened and are currently under investigation on the other individuals mentioned therein.

EDDIE EUGENE BOLDEN and CHARLES KNOX are both included on the Security Index and Agitator Index of the Omaha Office.

LEADS:

DENVER, KANSAS CITY, MINNEAPOLIS and ST. LOUIS

Will alert sources regarding HUEY NEWTON's birthday celebration allegedly planned for Omaha on 2/17/69, and advise Omaha if information received that individuals from these offices planning to attend this celebration in Omaha.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska  
February 3, 1969

BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
OMAHA DIVISION

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A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears on the appendix page attached hereto.

On January 28, 1969, Harold Moon, Investigator, Nebraska State Patrol, advised that Eddie Eugene Bolden, along with three other Negro males, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The other individuals with Bolden were Michael Benjamin Smith, also known as Michael Richardson, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] William Teal, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and Dwight Eugene Dean, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

According to Moon, the vehicle occupied by the above individuals skidded off the highway and was immobilized at the time it was observed by the patrolman. After checking the identification of the occupants of this vehicle, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the patrolman took the vehicle's occupants into custody and transported them to the Nemaha County Jail, Auburn, Nebraska. On being interviewed by Investigator Moon and a Special Agent of the FBI, Bolden and Dean advised they had been picked up by Smith and Teal in Omaha, Nebraska, the afternoon of January 27, 1969, and were en route with these

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individuals to Kansas City, Missouri. Smith, on interview, [redacted] stated he picked up Teal in Des Moines, Iowa, and Bolden and Dean in Omaha, Nebraska.

Bolden, when interviewed, identified himself as Captain of the Black Panther Party, Omaha, Nebraska, and stated that when apprehended he was en route to Kansas City where he planned to contact representatives of the Black Liberation Party to arrange for a speaker from that organization to attend Huey Newton's birthday celebration to be held February 17, 1969, in the Fontenelle Park Pavilion, Omaha, Nebraska. He indicated that approximately 300 people were expected to attend this celebration, including representatives from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Des Moines, Iowa, Kansas City, Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri, and Denver, Colorado.

[redacted]

On January 28, 1969, a source advised that Eddie Eugene Bolden, head of the Omaha Black Panther Party, had resided at 3119 Lake Street, Omaha, with Mrs. Yvonne Grayson, since the last part of November, 1968. Source stated that the Black Panther Party in Omaha has not held regular meetings since late November, 1968, and this organization at the present time consisted of only about eight members identified as follows:

Eddie Eugene Bolden, Captain;  
Yvonne Grayson, as of November, 1968,  
a Lieutenant in the Omaha Chapter of the Black  
Panther Party;



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✓ Gary House, approximately 19 years of age and a student at Technical High School, Omaha;

✓ Delores Brown, approximately 19 years of age, employed at the Concentrated Employment Program, Omaha;

✓ Luther Payne, active in the Black Panther Party in November, 1968, and a student at Technical High School, Omaha;

✓ Dwight Dean, 21 years of age, residing in South Omaha. Dean believed to be in some leadership capacity in the Black Panther Party;

Veronza Bowers, who left Omaha prior to January 1, 1969, with his wife Stephanie, possibly for Tanzania; and

✓ Shannon Cooley, believed to have left Omaha prior to January 1, 1969, with Veronza Bowers.

This source advised that most of Bolden's correspondence and telephonic contact with the National Headquarters of the Black Panther Party has taken place in recent months from 3119 Lake Street, Omaha, and he continues to receive mail from National Headquarters at that address. Source stated, however, that recently telephone service at that address had been disconnected by the telephone company.

This source continued that the Black Panther Party in Omaha at the present time is very inactive, however, a few fund-raising events such as dances and cake sales have been held by the organization. According to this source, such an event took place at the Off Beat on Lake Street in Omaha, the evening of January 17, 1969, and this event, a dance, was attended by approximately 200 individuals.

On January 30, 1969, Detective Walter Johnson, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department, advised that Charles Knox, leader of the Black Panther Party in Des Moines, Iowa, appeared in Des Moines Municipal Court earlier that week for a preliminary

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hearing in connection with charges against him relative to  
[REDACTED] He stated  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on December 27, 1968, when the Des Moines Police Department raided the Black Panther Party Headquarters at that address and arrested Joanne Cheatom and her son, Marvin Cheatom, Jr., on charges of arson. As a result of this hearing, Knox's case was bound over to the Polk County Grand Jury.

A second source advised on January 31, 1969, that between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., on January 30, 1969, Charles Knox and two unidentified individuals, a male and a female, invaded the premises of the Iowa State University Student Union, Ames, Iowa, and attempted to sell Black Panther Party newspapers. Source advised that Don Stevens, Manager of the Student Union, attempted to evict Knox when he refused to leave. Stevens called in several university officials who held a discussion with Knox and informed him his actions were contrary to rules of the University and if he did not leave, police would be called in to evict him. Source advised that Knox eventually left but before doing so, he announced to the "Soul Brothers" present that he would return. Knox on this occasion did not distribute literature and did not indicate what action he planned to take when he did return.

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## APPENDIX

### BLACK PANTHER PARTY

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"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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*In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.*

Omaha, Nebraska  
February 3, 1969

Title: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
OMAHA DIVISION

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Reference: Omaha memorandum dated  
February 3, 1969.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

The first source utilized has furnished insufficient information to ascertain her reliability.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/26/69

FROM : SAC, Omaha (157-538) (P)

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SUBJECT: LUTHER GOLDEN PAYNE  
RM - BPP

SEN.

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau, 2/3/69, captioned "BLACK PANTHER PARTY, OMAHA DIVISION, RACIAL MATTERS", which enclosed letterhead memorandum bearing above caption. In this letterhead memorandum, LUTHER PAYNE was identified as a member of the Black Panther Party in Omaha during November, 1968.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376 and eight copies of a letterhead memorandum bearing above caption. One copy of enclosure is being furnished locally to Secret Service. The source utilized in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted]. The original information furnished by him is located in [redacted].

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Enclosure is being classified confidential in order to protect the identity of source utilized therein who is of continuing value to this office.

The Special Agents interviewing [redacted] were SAs GEORGE D. WATT and ELLSWORTH GUSTAFSON.

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AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA. Will locate and interview subject on SAC authority and furnish results of same to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination. This interview will be conducted off campus.

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date 5/5/69 by HEM/Klo



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☒ may be available through FBI, Omaha, Nebraska.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Omaha, Nebraska

April 26, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

LUTHER GOLDEN PAYNE

BACKGROUND

BIRTH

Records of Technical High School, Omaha, Nebraska, furnished on March 14, 1969, by Charles Hepfinger, Assistant Principal, disclosed that Luther Golden Payne was born January 18, 1951, at Omaha, Nebraska.

EDUCATION

On March 14, 1969, Charles Hepfinger (supra) advised that Payne is currently enrolled at Technical High School as a senior and is due to graduate in June, 1969.

RESIDENCE

Charles Hepfinger (supra) advised on March 14, 1969, that Payne currently resides at 1902 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Records of the Omaha Police Department checked on February 7, 1969, reflected the following residence addresses for Payne; however, no dates were indicated for these addresses:

1902 Locust Street;  
2012 Binney Street;  
2121 North 28th Street;  
2210 North 27th Avenue;  
All Omaha, Nebraska.

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EMPLOYMENT

Records of the Omaha Police Department when reviewed on

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February 7, 1969, disclosed that Payne as of November 30, 1968, was unemployed.

CREDIT

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, checked on February 7, 1969, by Mrs. Veta Decker, disclosed no information identifiable with Payne.

CRIMINAL

On February 7, 1969, Officer H. E. Barrett, Identification Bureau, Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department, made available the arrest record for Luther Golden Payne, born January 18, 1951, at Omaha, Nebraska. According to this record, Payne was arrested July 7, 1968, in the vicinity of 24th and Lake Streets, Omaha, during a racial disturbance and was charged with failure to disperse. He was released on fifty dollars bond and this charge against him was dismissed on August 8, 1968.

Officer Barrett also made available an index card which contained the following notations concerning Payne:

September 9, 1965, injury (fall);  
October 2, 1965, injury;  
August 9, 1967, received traffic citation for having no driver's license, charge dismissed September 12, 1967;  
October 30, 1968, received traffic citation for having no driver's license and improperly displaying license plate.  
No disposition indicated regarding these charges.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of Payne was obtained from records of the Omaha Police Department:

Name:	Luther Golden Payne
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	January 18, 1951
Place of Birth:	Omaha, Nebraska

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LUTHER GOLDEN PAYNE

Height: 5'5"  
Weight: 125 pounds  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Black  
Complexion: Dark  
Marital Status: Single  
Occupation: Unemployed  
Relative: Mrs. Georgia Payne  
Mother  
1902 Locust Street  
Omaha, Nebraska

Omaha Police  
Department Number: 69002

AFFILIATION WITH BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 18, 1968, that one Luther Payne, not further identified, had attended a meeting of the BPP during September, 1968, and was believed by source to be a member of the Omaha Branch, BPP.

This source on February 17, 1969, identified a photograph of Luther Golden Payne, Omaha Police Department number 69002, as being identical with the individual whom he identified as being present at a BPP meeting in September, 1968.

A characterization of the BPP appears in the appendix attached hereto.

On January 23, 1969, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI in connection with another matter. [redacted] identified several members of the Omaha Branch, BPP, among them being Luther Payne, a student at Technical High School, Omaha. She stated that she was not certain that Payne at that time was active in the BPP. However, he was active in this organization in November, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12434)

DATE: 7/24/69

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-538)(C)

SUBJECT: LUTHER GOLDEN PAYNE  
RM - BPP

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DATE 3/11/82 BY SP8 BTJ/CH/82

Re Omaha letter to Bureau, 4/26/69, enclosing LHM bearing the same date.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of FD-376 and eight (8) copies of LHM captioned as above. One copy of enclosure is being furnished to Secret Service, Omaha.

The Special Agents interviewing PAYNE were GEORGE D. WATT and JOHN B. MC PHEE, JR.

EDDIE EUGENE BOLDEN and VERONZA BOWERS, identified in enclosure, are included on the Agitator Index of the Omaha Office and BOLDEN is also included on the Security Index. Omaha presently has active 157 investigations on the other individuals identified by PAYNE as being current or former BPP members.

It is not felt that PAYNE meets the criteria for inclusion on the Agitator Index or Security Index and no recommendation is being made for his inclusion thereon. PAYNE, during the course of the interview, was only cooperative up to a point and it was apparent that he holds a great resentment towards law enforcement in general. In addition, he indicated that he has no desire to become reaffiliated with the BPP in Omaha as he felt this organization was making no progress under the leadership of EDDIE BOLDEN.

In view of the foregoing, it is not felt that PAYNE has informant potential.

In view of the aforementioned information, no further investigation is being conducted concerning PAYNE and this matter is considered closed.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 10)(RM)  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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**July 24, 1969**

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
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2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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U. S. Secret Service, **Omaha, Nebraska**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Omaha, Nebraska  
July 24, 1969

LUTHER GOLDEN PAYNE

AFFILIATION WITH  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

A characterization of the BPP appears in the appendix attached hereto.

The June 21, 1969, edition of "The Black Panther, Black Community News Service", the official publication of the BPP, Oakland, California, on page 11, contained an article captioned "Omaha Purge". This article listed 21 individuals expelled from the Omaha BPP and described them as "counter revolutionary and avaricious fools". Included among the 21 names listed was Luther Payne.

Luther Golden Payne, 1902 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska, was interviewed on July 18, 1969, by Special Agents of the FBI, Omaha, Nebraska. During this interview Payne furnished the following information concerning his activities in the BPP:

He joined the Omaha Chapter of the BPP in August or September of 1968, and continued to be active in this organization until mid-June, 1969. He became interested in this organization after reading of the activities of the BPP on the West Coast and he believed very strongly in the policy of self defense advocated by the National BPP. His interest in the organization stemmed from his older brother, Arnold Payne, having been beaten up by Omaha police on occasions, and he felt the need of a black organization in this country which would take action against anyone who attacked the black community. On reading the program of the BPP he felt that the BPP would be such an organization.

Payne stated he attended only open meetings of the Omaha BPP which also had closed meetings which he was not invited to attend. During the organizational stages of the Omaha BPP he was active in leading study sessions for potential members and new members and was also active in the spring of this year in BANTU (Black Association for Nationalism Through Unity), an organization composed entirely of high school students which was formed by the BPP at Technical High School, Omaha.

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He continued active in this organization until he graduated from Technical High School in June of this year and he was involved in drawing up 21 demands made of the Omaha School Board by the BANTU organization, which demands were made for the purpose of bettering the conditions at Technical High School as far as the Negro students at that school were concerned.

Payne advised that initially the BPP in Omaha, during the summer of 1968, was fairly well organized but around October, 1968, because of its poor leadership; mainly on the part of Eddie Bolden, Captain, the organization disintegrated and was inactive during the winter months. Bolden, in March or April of this year, tried to rejuvenate the organization by enlisting the support of younger people, mostly high school-aged youth; however, the organization has again become completely disorganized and those still affiliated with it are so affiliated only for publicity purposes.

Payne identified the following as current or former members of the BPP:

Eddie Bolden, currently Captain  
Edna Bolden, formerly active but not certain of her current participation  
Veronza Bowers, active and officer of the organization until he moved from Omaha around December, 1968  
Garry House, active member and officer in BANTU  
Robert Cecil, active member and officer in BANTU  
Robert Griffo, current member and member of BANTU

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Payne continued that at present he would estimate the membership of the Omaha BPP Chapter to be ten or twelve members, however, he could not presently identify any others currently active.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of Payne was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	Luther Golden Payne
Race	Negro
Sex	Male

LUTHER GOLDEN PAYNE

Date of Birth	January 18, 1951
Place of Birth	Omaha, Nebraska
Height	5'5"
Weight	Approximately 120 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Marital Status	Single
Employment	Concentrated Employment Program, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning July 21, 1969
Residence	<u>1902 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska</u>
Relative	Mrs. Georgia <del>X</del> Payne, mother, same address

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According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

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"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murry, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black People, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-Tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations through the United States.

## APPENDIX